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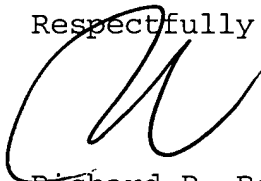
REMARKS

Original Claims 4-14 have been amended to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent in order to reduce official fees. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicant may elect to amend currently amended Claims 4-14 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims. Claims 1-14 have been further amended for clarification purposes.

The abstract has also been amended in accordance with standard U.S. practice.

Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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